(e) The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to deal with terrorism and a variety of measures have been taken to further strengthen the security arrangements in this context, which *inter-alia* include the following: The Government has decided to locate National Security Guards (NSG) Units in a few regional hubs, and to draw upon the Commando Units of the Armed forces to create more regional hubs until a decision is taken to locate NSG Units in those hubs too; in principle decision has been taken to create a Coastal Command for overall supervision and coordination of maritime and coastal security; it has been decided to set up 20 Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism schools in various parts of the country for imparting Commando training to State Police forces; an exercise is underway to reinforce the laws relating to counter terrorism by strengthening the legal provisions relating to the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of terrorist acts and it is proposed to bring a Bill for the purpose; steps are also being taken to further augment the intelligence agencies, and streamline and strengthen the mechanisms for intelligence gathering and sharing to make them more effective and result oriented, besides action to fill the vacancies in the intelligence organizations expeditiously and to further provide them with advanced technical equipment. Further, the Government have already authorized that 2 Coys of each India Reserve Battalion, which are being raised with assistance from the Central Government, may be raised as special Commando Units for which additional assistance will be provided for training, equipment, *etc.*

ISI plan to penetrate into major Indian cities

1797. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that ISI is busy making plans to target India by using nuclear, biological and chemical weapons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ISI has planned to penetrate into major cities by using its sleeper cells; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to defuse such nefarious designs/plans of the ISI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No inputs have been received regarding specific threats entailing the use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in the country by terrorists. However, the Government is vigilant about possible threats of this nature in the future.

(c) Linkages between the ISI and various terror groups based in Pakistan, and operating in India, are well known and well documented through revelations by terrorists apprehended and investigations from time to time. Inquiries and investigations into various acts of terrorism in the recent past have indicated linkages of elements involved in terrorist incidents in the States of

Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi with ISI. The intelligence/security agencies have interdicted a number of sleeper cells.

(d) The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach to tackle the activities of the ISI which, *inter-alia*, include, strengthening vigilance on the borders to check infiltration and illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery to interdict Pakistani agents, close interaction by way of sharing of intelligence and operational coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing the plans and designs of terrorist groups and their mentors, modernization, and strengthening and upgradation of State police and security forces, *etc*.

Special budget allocation to address terrorist and naxalites violence

1798. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police force as compared to other countries and the total population is much less which is main reason of inadequate police service;

(b) the new strategy and special budget allocation to address terrorist and naxalites violence; and

(c) the total budget allocation and fund allotted to Orissa and fund utilization from 2004 to 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per the information furnished by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR and D), the police-population ratio of some of the foreign countries and that of India as in 2002 is given in Statement-I (*see* below). 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, States are competent to raise police forces strength commensurate with the State-specific requirement of Law and Order, Crime Control, Traffic Management, Security of the State *etc*.

(b) A new Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Leftwing Extremist affected States has been put in place by Ministry of Home Affairs with a total outlay of Rs. 500 crore in the Eleventh Plan period. The Scheme is meant to provide for crucial infrastructure requirements that are critical to policing and security needs at field level in naxal affected States.

Under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), an amount of Rs. 64 crore has been allocated as 100% Central assistance to 32 naxal affected districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in 2008-09.

(c) The total funds released to the State of Orissa under the MPF Scheme during the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 and the utilization reported by the State Government is given in Statement-II. (*see* below)